

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Division of Consumer Services



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**CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS/SPONSORS REGISTRATION
APPLICATION**

**Solicitation of Contributions Act
Chapter 496, Florida Statutes
Rule 5J-7.004, Florida Administrative Code**

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Application Information

License Number: CH13916

Business Information

Legal Name: MEXICO BEACH ARTIFICIAL REEF ASSOCIATION, INC.
Business Phone: [REDACTED]
Business Fax: [REDACTED]
Business Address: 3904 HIGHWAY 98
MEXICO BEACH Florida 32456-7165
Mailing Address: PO Box 414
PORT SAINT JOE Florida 32457
Email Address: [REDACTED]
Website Address: www.mbara.org
Fictitious Names** Not Applicable

**All fictitious names must be registered with the Division of Corporations. If business is a corporation then 'Name' is the legal name of the business as listed with the Division of Corporations. You must list all names under which you intend to do business.

Organization Information

Form of Organization: Corporation
FEIN: 59-3447258
Established In: Florida **Legally Established:** 4/2/1997

Business Details

Month/Day fiscal year ends: 12/31

Organization's Internal Revenue Service Status: 501(c)(3)

Purpose of the Organization:

REEF BUILDING, EDUCATION, RESEARCH, DISASTER RECOVERY

Purpose for which the contributions are used:

REEF BUILDING, EDUCATION & RESEARCH, DISASTER RECOVERY

Major Program activities: Build artificial reefs in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Mexico Beach, FL. Provide research on artificial reefs and marine biomass. Educate the public on the benefits of artificial reefs to marine life environment and the local economy. Help the local area recover from disasters.

License History

Is this charitable organization/sponsor authorized by any other state to solicit contributions?[s. 496.405(2)(d)1, F.S.] No

Has the charitable organization/sponsor entered into an assurance of voluntary compliance(AVC) or agreement similiar to that set forth in s.496.420, F.S., in any jurisdiction?[s. 496.405(2)(d)4, F.S.] No

Has the charitable organization/sponsor or any of its officers, directors, trustees, or employees, regardless of adjudication, been convicted of, found guilty of, pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or been incarcerated within the last 10 years as a result of having previously been convicted of, or found guilty of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, any felony within the last 10 years? [s. 496.405(2)(d)5, F.S.] No

Has the charitable organization/sponsor or any of its officers, directors, trustees,or employees, regardless of adjudication, been convicted of, found guilty of, pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or been incarcerated within the last 10 years as a result of having previously been convicted of, or found guilty of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, any crime involving fraud, theft, larceny, embezzlement, fraudulent conversion, misappropriation of property, or any crime enumerated in this chapter or resulted from acts committed while involved in the solicitation of contributions within the last 10 years? [s. 496.405(2)(d)6, F.S.] No

Has the charitable organization/sponsor or any of its officers, directors, trustees, or principal salaried executive personnel been enjoined in any jurisdiction from soliciting contributions or been found to have engaged in unlawful practices in the solicitation of contributions or administration of charitable assets or been enjoined from violating any law relating to a charitable solicitation? [s. 496.405(2)(d)7, F.S.] No

Has the charitable organization/sponsor had its registration or authority denied,suspended,or revoked by any governmental agency? [s. 496.405(2)(d)3, F.S.] No

Conflict of Interest

Have all directors, officers and trustees read and complied with the conflict of interest statement for the organization? Yes

Owner/Management Information

Name: ROBERT L. COX

Title: Authorized Agent
Director
In Charge of Solicitation
Officer
President

Phone: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Additional Information

1. Is this person exempt from Public Records? [s. 119.071(4), F.S.] *No*
2. Is this person compensated? *No*

Name: CAROL D COX

Title: Director
Officer
Secretary

Phone: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Additional Information

1. Is this person exempt from Public Records? [s. 119.071(4), F.S.] *No*
2. Is this person compensated? *No*

Name: MARIE W STEPHENS

Title: Director

Phone: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Additional Information

1. Is this person exempt from Public Records? [s. 119.071(4), F.S.] *No*
2. Is this person compensated? *No*

Name: BRIAN HIGDON

Title: Director
Officer
Vice President

Phone: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Additional Information

1. | Is this person exempt from Public Records? [s. 119.071(4), F.S.] *No*
2. | Is this person compensated? *No*

Name: KIMBERLY HIGDON
Chief Financial Officer
Director

Title: In Charge of Distribution
Officer
Treasurer

Phone: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Additional Information

1. | Is this person exempt from Public Records? [s. 119.071(4), F.S.] *No*
2. | Is this person compensated? *No*

Name: MITCH COLEMAN
Title: Director

Phone: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Additional Information

1. | Is this person exempt from Public Records? [s. 119.071(4), F.S.] *No*
2. | Is this person compensated? *No*

Name: LEIGH RUSSELL
Title: Director

Phone: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Additional Information

1. | Is this person exempt from Public Records? [s. 119.071(4), F.S.] *No*
2. | Is this person compensated? *No*

Branch offices, Chapters or Affiliates

Other Locations: Not Applicable

Professional Solicitors

Other Locations: Not Applicable

Fundraising Consultants

Other Locations: Not Applicable

Commercial Co-venturers

Other Locations: Not Applicable

Financial Statement

Fiscal year ending: 12/31/2022

Financial statement source: 990 w/all attached Schedules

The financial information match the information listed on the immediately preceding fiscal year financial year:

Total Revenue: \$240,807

Total Expense: \$159,456

Program Service Expense: \$155,788

Management & General Expense: \$3,668

Fundraising Expense: \$0

Uploads Attached: Yes

Attached Documents

- Name:** 2022Form990Package.pdf
Type: Financial Information
Desc: 2022 Form 990

Supporting Documents(List of Sources and Amounts)

- Name:** 2022ScheduleB-Form990.pdf
Type: Financial Information
Desc: 2022 Schedule B Form 990

Application Questionnaire

Did the charitable organization or sponsor receive \$25,000 or more in total revenue during the immediately preceding fiscal year? Yes

Are the fundraising activities of the charitable organization or sponsor carried on by any compensated volunteers, members, or officers ? No

Are any part of the assets or income of the organization or sponsor inured to the benefit of or paid to any officer or member? No

Does the charitable organization or sponsor utilize a professional fundraising consultant, professional solicitor, or commercial co-venture? No

Registration application Type

Registration Application Type: Charitable
Contributions received in the immediately preceding fiscal year: \$232,465
Registration Fee: \$200

Preparer Information

First Name: Kimberly
Last Name: Higdon
Company Name: Mexico Beach Artificial Reef Association Inc
Title: Treasurer
Phone Number: [REDACTED]
Email Address: [REDACTED]

Signature Information

* I declare under penalty of perjury that all of the information provided in this application and in any exhibits attached hereto, is true and correct.

and further state as follows:

* The information furnished in this application and all supplemental forms, reports, documents and attachments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. [s. 496.405(2) F.S.]

Signature Name: Kimberly Higdon
Signature Date: 3/19/2023